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of Goods from USSR

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The following is the sixth of a series of reports on Czech-USSR trade under the terms of the Treaty of 12 April 1946.

In a diplomatic dispatch from Moscow, dated 13 November 1946, to the Austrian Foreign Office, I.V. Braunias, a member of the Office of the Austrian Political Representative in the USSR, reported as follows:

"In a conversation with a member of the Czechoslovak Embassy the writer learned how much Czechoslovakia had suffered as a result of the barter agreement for the exchange of goods between the two countries. Although Czechoslovakia makes regular deliveries to the USSR, the Soviet deliveries are far slower and are far below the Czechoslovak deliveries in value. Some goods - wool, for example - are packed indiscriminately so that special effort is necessary in Czechoslovakia in order to sort out the goods; this causes further delay in deliveries to the factories to which they have been shipped. Czechoslovakia requested permission to send Czechoslovak experts to the USSR to take part in the loading of the goods and give proper guidance to the shipments, but this request was refused by the Soviet authorities. An additional factor in the compensation agreement which has an unfavorable effect (for Czechoslovakia), is that the rate of exchange has been fixed at \$1.00 to 5.30 rubles; as a result, the Czechoslovak textile industry alone has suffered a loss of 500,000,000 Kos."

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment: It is assumed that the above loss to the Czechoslovak textile industry was incurred during the period since the Trade Treaty of 12 April 1946.)

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